

Northern Bering Sea Research Area (NBSRA) Research Plan Science Workshop
DRAFT AGENDA

Hotel Captain Cook, Endeavor Room, Anchorage, Alaska
January 17th, 2011, Monday, 08:00-12:00

NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
AFSC – Alaska Fisheries Science Center
S&T – Science and Technology

- 8:00 – Opening remarks (Russ Nelson, NOAA Fisheries AFSC)
Introductions of participants; purpose of the NBSRA; objectives of workshop
- 8:25 – Questions and discussion (open)
- 8:40 – Understanding the effects of bottom trawls (Bob McConnaughey, NOAA Fisheries AFSC)
- 8:55 – Questions and discussion (open)
- 9:10 – Northern Bering Sea benthic ecosystem (Sue Moore, NOAA Fisheries S&T, and Jackie Grebmeier, Univ. of Maryland)
- 9:25 – Questions and discussion (open)
- 9:40 - Break
- 9:50 – Spatial and temporal distribution patterns of eiders and epibenthic predators (James Lovvorn, Southern Illinois University Carbondale)
- 10:10 – Open discussion
*Fish and invertebrates distributions in the NBSRA (Bob Lauth, NOAA Fisheries AFSC);
Species, habitats, and activities of concern;
Potential effects of research and fishing
Participants are encouraged to share information on the NBSRA; visual information is particularly welcome (e.g. image and ArcGIS files provided on a memory stick)*
- 11:35 – Synthesis (Pat Livingston, NOAA Fisheries AFSC)
Summary of information and recommendations from participants; establish channels for further communications
- 11:50 – Closing remarks (Russ Nelson, NOAA Fisheries AFSC)
Next steps in developing the research plan
- 12:00 – Adjourn